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SUBJECT: RENE EXPRESSES CONCERN WITH KENYAN CONTACTS OF FORMER
MINISTER

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1. SEYCHELLES' PRESIDENT FRANCE ALBERT RENE INFORMED ME, IN
COURSE JUNE 28 MEETING, THAT FORMER MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND
AVIATION, DAVID JOUBERT, IS CURRENTLY IN NAIROBI ATTEMPTING
TO ORGANIZE "BLACK AND WHITE MERCENARIES" FOR PIECEMEAL INFIL-
TRATION INTO SEYCHELLES. ACCORDING RENE'S INFORMATION, WHICH
HE SAID IS "ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE", JOUBERT MET SEPARATELY WITH
KENYAN POLICE COMMISSIONER BERNARD HINGA AND ATTORNEY GENERAL
CHARLES NJONJO IN JOUBERT'S ROOM AT 680 HOTEL ON JUNE 26. RENE
SAID HE IS EXTREMELY CONCERNED THAT "CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF KENYAN
GOVERNMENT" MAY SUPPORT PRO-MANCHAM MOVES AGAINST HIS GOVERNMENT.
HE ASKED ME IF THE U.S. COULD INFORM THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT THAT
HE VIEWS JOUBERT'S CONTACTS AS "HOSTILE" AND AN INTERFERENCE IN
SEYCHELLES' INTERNAL AFFAIRS. I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD COMMUNICATE
HIS CONCERNS TO HIGHER AUTHORITY. RENE THEN TOLD ME THAT
HE PLANNED TO RAISE SAME SUBJECT WITH BRITISH HIGH
COMMISSIONER PUGH AND REQUEST SIMILAR ASSISTANCE.

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2. RENE ADDED THAT HE BELIEVES THAT FORMER PRESIDENT MANCHAM
AND ALL OTHER EX-MINISTERS EXCEPT JOUBERT ARE NOW "THINKING
POSITIVELY" ABOUT THEIR FUTURE PLANS AND EXPECTS SOME OF THE
MINISTERS TO RESUME NORMAL BUT NON-POLITICAL LIVES IN
SEYCHELLES WHILE OTHERS WILL PROBABLY SETTLE IN EUROPE OR
AUSTRALIA. JOUBERT, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS "DESPERATE" BECAUSE
CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT HAS DEPRIVED HIM OF HIS FORMER IMMUNITY

FROM PROSECUTION FOR LARGE LOCAL INDEBTEDNESS AND HAS "NO
LIFE IN SEYCHELLES ANYMORE."
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